

layer working on the main power house adjoining the auxiliary house, the time of the break in the pipe is approximated at a few moments after 5 o'clock. Two shocks, stopped by the jar, fix the time of the explosion itself at 5:22. In the interval, the broken main had ample time to pour high pressure gas into the lower levels of the auxiliary power house. When workmen set to clearing away the wrecked lumber, it is ascertained that one of them dropped a steel tool across the third rail, there was a flash of electricity and the great reservoir of accumulated gas exploded. What happened then will never be adequately told. The roof of Fire House No. 2, directly across the street from the power house, lifted like a brick carpet. A shower of glass, bricks, mortar and splintered timbers began to rain down on the pavements. In an instant the streets were filled with prostrate men and women, blown flat by the shock detonation and the rush of air. They sat dazed when they fell, picking survivors from their flesh.

Beside Drug Stores.
A moment more and crowds besieged the drug stores begging for aid and clamoring for telephones, and then the clanging of bells of ambulances began to clamor between the tall buildings. The tenements to the east of Lexington Avenue poured thousands into the streets. Whole houses were emptied in a twinkling. The tall facades of the many fashionable hotels in the neighborhood were spotted with the faces of half-dressed guests shaken from their sleep, peering from broken windows. Black robed priests from St. Patrick's Cathedral nearby, and white coated ambulance surgeons passed each other on kindred errands of consolation and comfort.

On a technical charge of homicide, the police late today took into custody Albert Seagratt, motorman of the train which bumped into and broke one of the gas pipes near the substation. Seagratt said he tried to stop the train with his brakes and reversing levers, but could not do so. The worst focus of death was the spot at which the trolley car and the automobile were hurled together. The seven passengers were dumped to the under side of the car in a tangle of work, sharp fragments of glass and broken panels. Miss Mary P. Gilman was caught by the head between a stanchion and the overturned automobile beneath and crushed to death. Three other passengers, all men, were overwhelmed with wreckage and died before help could reach them.

Struck Through Head.
Twenty feet away, Miss Edith O'Neil, twenty-eight years old, a stenographer in a magazine office, on her way to work, was speared through the head by a flying joist.

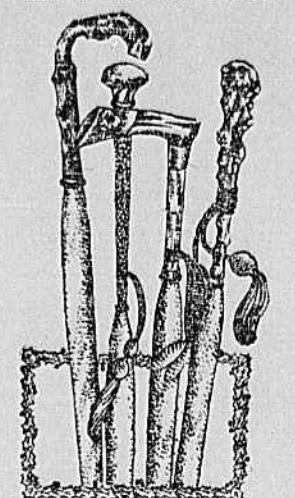
Policeman Toomey had just signaled to the trolley car to stop and was leading two little girls across the street by the hand. One was torn from his hand by the first blast of air and the other by the rebound. The second girl, Mary Gilman, twelve years old, had her right leg torn off by flying fragment of iron railing surrounding the Lexington Avenue station.

Seventeen men in Firehouse No. 1 were shaken from their beds. Battalion Chief Duffy was sitting at his desk when the windows fell about him and an iron girder burst head-on through the wall, knocking him and badly bruising him. He got the men to bandage him and went to work immediately.

In the Bible Teachers' Training School founded by Miss Helen Gopd on Lexington Avenue, fifty young men and women were eating breakfast. Those on the far end of the room first realized that there had been a serious accident when, looking toward the street, they saw the napery on the tables nearest the windows dabbled with blood. Fully half the students were painfully cut by flying glass.

In the Babies' Hospital, at Fifty-third Street and Lexington Avenue, the infants were being given their morning bath. Nurses were thrown

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to the floor with babies in their arms, other babies were tipped out of their cribs and in two instances babies were thrown from their cribs as if they had been drawn out by some powerful suction and fell on the floor beneath them with a mighty whack.

STRIKE IS ENDED

Labor Trouble Results in Complete Victory for Company.

St. Louis, December 19.—The striking machinists, blacksmiths, boilermakers and sheet metal workers of the Missouri Pacific Iron Mountain system will return to work Wednesday morning, December 21. The settlement was agreed upon between the officials of the union and representatives of the striking employees to-night.

According to the statement of General Manager A. C. Sullivan, the settlement is a complete victory for the company.

The men go back to work on the terms of the May 1910 contract. The proposition includes a 5-cent an hour increase. Under the new agreement the men permanently relinquish control of the shop foreman, and acquiesce in the rules adopted by the Chicago conference of Western lines in March last. The work day for repair shopmen will be nine hours; for engine house men, ten hours.

The agreement provides that all the former employees of the company, who were numbered nearly 150, will be taken back.

The machinists' strike began May 1, when the latter went out in sympathy on October 21.

Buckingham News Notes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Buckingham, Va., December 19.—Tobacco is being rushed to Dillwyn, where very good prices are being paid. Some good leaf has been sold at \$12.50 a hundred, but most of the offerings so far have been of the low grade, and, as a rule, in poor order for handling.

Large quantities of produce, such as fowls, hides, etc., are being shipped, and prices have kept well up.

The High School closed here on Friday the 18th, and will not open until the 24 of January. Professor Morgan, the principal, who has been confined to his bed for several days with a cold, is up again. The graded school at St. Andrews also closed for the holidays on the 18th.

As soon as the snow is all gone things will be lively at the slate quarries at and near Arvon, where the slate workers are eager to be at work since the long strike has ended.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Unsettled and somewhat colder Tuesday, with snow in the mountains; Wednesday, fair, moderate west winds.

North Carolina—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; moderate west to north-west winds.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

Barometer	30.7
Humidity	95
Wind direction	N. W.
Wind velocity	12 to 15
Clouds	Cloudy
Rainfall	.23
12 noon temperature	42
4 P. M. temperature	42
Maximum temperature	44
P. M. minimum	46
Minimum temperature	36
P. M. minimum	41
Mean temperature	41
Normal temperature	40
Excess in temperature to-day	1
Deficiency in temperature to-day	0
March 1	336
Accum. deficiency in temperature since January 1	292
Excess in rainfall since March 1	2.12
Accum. excess in rainfall since January 1	1.32

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place	Ther.	Humid.	Wind	Clouds
Atlanta	41	48	Clear	
Baltimore	36	42	P. Cloudy	
Boston	38	52	P. Cloudy	
Buffalo	32	40	Clear	
Chicago	30	52	Cloudy	
Cincinnati	38	48	Clear	
Charlotte	42	48	P. Cloudy	
Denver	48	54	Clear	
Dallas	42	50	Clear	
Hatteras	42	50	Clear	
Jacksonville	56	62	Clear	
Key West	68	72	Clear	
Louisville	40	42	P. Cloudy	
Mobile	54	62	Clear	
Norfolk	40	44	Clear	
Pittsburg	32	40	Clear	
Pittsburgh	32	40	Snow	
Savannah	50	58	Clear	
Tampa	56	64	Clear	
Washington	38	42	Clear	
Wilmington	38	42	Cloudy	

PRESIDENT FOILS INSURGENTS' PLAN

They Can't Shelve Knapp if He Can Prevent It.

IN AWKWARD POSITION

Seek to Keep Him Off Commerce Commission and New Court, Too.

Washington, December 19.—President Taft. It is pretty well understood, objects to any little senatorial scheme there may be that may cause confirmation of the nominations of B. H. Meyer and C. C. McChord as interstate commerce commissioners without at the same time confirming the nominations of Judge Archibald and Martin H. Knapp as judges of the new Court of Commerce.

Insurgent Senators are reported to be holding up the Archibald and Knapp nominations, but are willing to confirm Meyer and Knapp. In the case of Mr. Knapp, for instance, he would be out in the cold should his place on the Interstate Commerce Commission be filled and his confirmation for circuit judge on the Court of Commerce be defeated.

President Taft was willing that Chairman Knapp should be taken from the Interstate Commerce Commission, but he would not do this unless he could get Knapp's confirmation for circuit judge on the Court of Commerce.

Named to Fill Vacancy.
For the vacancy to be created by the promotion of Mr. Knapp, the President nominated B. H. Meyer, of Wisconsin, protégé and friend of Senator La Follette. The insurgent Senators are said to be perfectly willing to confirm Meyer and McChord, the latter taking the place of Ex-Senator Rockwell, but they want to do this now and hold Archibald and Knapp in the air, in the hope of defeating them for judges of the Commerce Court.

If the Senate does not wish to confirm Mr. Knapp's nomination, the President wishes him to resign, but he has informed administration supporters in the Senate that he wishes the Knapp nomination acted upon before the two commission nominations are acted upon.

Senators Brandegee and Keen discussed the situation with the President to-day.

The insurgents are said to be in a rather awkward position about Mr. Knapp. He is generally believed to be friendly to the administration, but his freight rates to the railroads. If he remains upon the Interstate Commerce Commission his vote will, they think, go that way. If he is nominated as judge of the Court of Commerce he would, presumably, feel the same way as to rates when an appeal goes before that court. So the insurgents would like to bottle Mr. Knapp—keep him off the commission and the court too.

Youngs to Get Another Term.
William J. Youngs, lifelong personal friend of ex-President Roosevelt, will be nominated within a few days for another term as United States Attorney of the Eastern District of New York. This was practically decided upon at the White House to-day, after the President had conferred with Senator Root and Representative Cocks of the Oyster Bay district. Senator Root has endorsed Youngs and Mr. Cocks wants him given another term. Youngs has held the position eight years, and his present term expires to-morrow. He was a close friend of Colonel Roosevelt, and the latter was the neighbor of Colonel Roosevelt at Oyster Bay. When Colonel Roosevelt became President Youngs's nomination as United States Attorney was one of the first he sent to the Senate.

Colonel Roosevelt has made no recommendation in this case. He has steadfastly adhered to the determination he announced as he was leaving the White House, that he would make no endorsements of candidates that might embarrass the President.

Returned Consul Pays Respects.
Carl P. Delchman, American Consul at Nagasaki, Japan, paid his respects to President Taft to-day and talked briefly about the attitude of the Japanese toward the United States. "There is no unfriendly feeling said Mr. Delchman. "While she has a large army and navy, her statesmen are bending their development of the nation. They want to make Japan one of the greatest industrial nations of the world. So far as immigration is concerned, Japanese laborers are prohibited from coming to the United States. They are encouraged to go to Manchuria, Formosa and Korea. Japan's population is now 52,000,000, and this crowds the territory too much."

Representative Langley, of Kentucky, had an interview with the President to-day respecting several Kentucky matters. The Kentucky Republicans have for some time been seeking a first-class diplomatic post for Clay H. Hays, of that State, and the President wants to name him. He has so far seen no suitable opening.

There is a bad squabble on over the United States attorneyship of the Eastern District, and it has been suggested that the President may ask Mr. Howard to become United States attorney. J. N. Sharp was appointed

to the position during the recess of Congress, to succeed J. H. Tinsley. The nomination of Sharp went to the Senate a week or so ago, but Senator Bradley, a friend of the administration, will not stand for sharp, and his name will probably have to be withdrawn. If this is done Mr. Howard may be named for the vacancy.

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He Oppose Mann Bill.
The railroad men of the country are strongly opposed to the bill of Representative Mann for boiler inspection, and would prefer no law at all rather than this one. They favor the bill of Senator Burkett, of Nebraska, which is expected to pass the Senate within a day or so.

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Girl Who Ran Away With Walter Gets \$500,000.

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In the event that Miss De Janon shall die without issue the estate is to be turned over to the Robert B. De Janon Company.

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PERILOUS VOYAGE.

Crew of Motorboat Beremeyo Tell of

New York, December 19.—Five members of the crew of the motorboat Beremeyo arrived here to-day on board the liner Bermudian, from Bermuda, with a story of a perilous cruise from Norfolk, during which their little craft was swept clear of all portable articles and its mate was overboard by a thirty-foot comb.

When the Beremeyo left Norfolk on December 9 it carried John P. Welton, the captain; George Campbell, the mate, and four other men. The next morning they ran into rough water and were to be seen no more. They started again at 1 o'clock, and went on until Monday noon. Then the waves began to pile up again, and the Beremeyo made no progress, so they had to wait until Tuesday noon, with the sea anchor out. All this time they had no food or drink.

The lashings of the wheel were torn off by the waves, the yard arm dipped into the sea, and the compass turned a somersault and went out of business. They calculated with a dollar watch belonging to the captain.

Mate Campbell was standing by the companion rail, when a wave carried him over the starboard rail into the sea. He managed to grab the stern gunwale, and after a struggle pulled himself aboard.

Wednesday noon they sighted a Norwegian steamer and crept up in its wake. After obtaining their location they steered for Bermuda and landed thereon Thursday.

REPORTS UNTRUE

No Great Earthquake With Heavy Loss of Life.

San Salvador, December 19.—The report emanating from Port Limon, Costa Rica, that as a result of a terrible earthquake on Monday, December 19, a large number of people had been killed, and that a large number of people had been killed, and that a large number of people had been killed, is entirely untrue. Only a slight earthquake has occurred recently in this section, without damage to property or loss of life.

Liquor License Transferred.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Danville, Va., December 19.—The liquor license issued to the Danville Distilling Company, a partnership concern, was today transferred by Judge A. M. Allen, of the Corporation Court, to the Danville Distilling Company (Inc). This company was recently granted a charter by the State Corporation Commission, and the officers are as follows: G. A. Miller, president; J. A. Gibson, vice-president; W. M. Miles, secretary and general manager.

Hearing of Cases Postponed.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Danville, Va., December 19.—The Corporation Court here today postponed the hearing of the cases of the five alien-keepers against whom suits were recently returned and who are now in jail. The defendants were presented on the charge of selling liquor to intoxicated persons. The cases were recognized for their appearance.

Accepts Call to Raleigh.
St. Joseph, Mo., December 19.—Rev. T. W. O'Leary, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, has resigned to accept a call from the congregation of the First Baptist Church at Raleigh, N. C., effective January 1.

To Organize Tobacco Pool.
Lexington, Ky., December 19.—Representatives of more than a dozen counties of the Blue Ridge belt met here in conference to-day to discuss the organization of a tobacco pool in 1911. While the meeting was called "informal," both elements showed a disposition to agree.

Supreme Court Adjourns.
Washington, D. C., December 19.—The Supreme Court of the United States adjourned to-day until January 1.

OBITUARY

G. W. Inge.
G. W. Inge, sixty-one years old, died last night shortly after 7 o'clock, at his home in Heights.

C. S. Tompkins.
C. S. Tompkins, fifty-seven years old, died last night at his home in the Heights. He was a native of Virginia and had been in this city for many years. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was a devoted worker in the church.

Mrs. Fannie Schaefer.
Lynchburg, Va., December 19.—Mrs. Fannie Schaefer, a well-known Main Street, died last Saturday at the Lynchburg Sanatorium, where she had been for several weeks. She was a native of Virginia and had been in this city for many years. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was a devoted worker in the church.

Mrs. Catherine O'Brien.
Lynchburg, Va., December 19.—Mrs. Catherine O'Brien, widow of John O'Brien, who was a resident of Lynchburg, died last Saturday at her home in the Heights. She was a native of Ireland and had been in this city for many years. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was a devoted worker in the church.

E. P. Wayland.
Waynesboro, Va., December 19.—E. P. Wayland died suddenly yesterday morning. The funeral took place to-day at 3 o'clock from St. John's Episcopal Church. He was about fifty-five years old and is survived by his wife, one daughter and one son.

Mrs. Julia Purcell.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lynchburg, Va., December 19.—Mrs. Julia Purcell, aged eighty-eight years, wife of John T. Purcell, a native of Charlotte, died suddenly to-day at her home in the Heights. She had been in poor health for some time.

G. T. Clarke.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Surry, Va., December 19.—G. T. Clarke, a prominent citizen of Surry, died Saturday afternoon at his residence at the court-house. Mr. Clarke was seventy-eight years of age and had been in feeble health for many years. He was a native of Virginia and had been in this city for many years. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was a devoted worker in the church.

DEATHS
INGE—Died at his home in Woodland Heights, December 19, 1910, at 7:15 P. M. G. W. INGE, age sixty-one years. Funeral notice later.

TOMPKINS. Died at the residence of Mrs. T. B. Francis, 2109 Venable Street, December 19th, at 7:30 P. M. C. S. TOMPKINS, in the fifty-eighth year of his age. Besides his wife and daughter, he leaves a sister, Mrs. J. H. Terry, of Washington, D. C. Funeral notice later.

Schaefer. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Fredericksburg, Va., December 19.—Jas. Sullivan, a well known Confederate soldier of Stafford county, died at his home Saturday night after a lingering illness, aged seventy-one years. He is survived by one son.

Wadsworth. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Wadsworth, N. C., December 19.—Rev. J. E. McSwain died at his home near Ansonville yesterday, aged fifty-one years. He was a Methodist minister, and leaves a wife and several children.

BURROWS. In sad, but loving remembrance of our dear mother, MRS. GEORGE H. BURROWS, who departed this world December 20, 1909, one year ago to-day.

What is home without our mother, who, in the midst of her labors, where our aching, bleeding hearts shall spend many sad and lonely hours.

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Thomas E. Usher.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Fredericksburg, Va., December 19.—Thomas E. Usher, of Caroline county, died at his home Saturday night after a short illness, aged fifty years. He is survived by his wife and six children.

Mrs. Lucy Dew Welch.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Fredericksburg, Va., December 19.—Mrs. Lucy Dew Welch, widow of Judge Thomas N. Welch, died at her home in Caroline county yesterday from the effects of a stroke of paralysis, aged seventy-six years. Her husband died two years ago. She leaves two adopted children, Miss Mary Welch Dew and Dr. Frederick Dew.

Walter Armentrout.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Harrisonburg, Va., December 19.—Walter Armentrout, eighteen years old, youngest son of David Armentrout, died last night from Keelston, Rockingham county, of tuberculosis.

Mrs. Joseph S. Beard.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Harrisonburg, Va., December 19.—Mrs. Joseph S. Beard, fifty years old, died Sunday at Piedmont, Augusta county. She was Miss Cornelia Beard, of Spring Creek, Rockingham county, and leaves several sisters and brothers, including Mrs. G. W. Ryan, of Craigsville, Penn.; Mrs. H. C. Krebs, of Winchester; James Beard, of Norfolk; and Emmett Beard, of Massies Mill, Nelson county. She was a Presbyterian.

Rev. Peter Weldon.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Weldon, N. C., December 19.—Rev. Peter Weldon, who by mistake drank corrosive sublimate Tuesday last, died at his home here this morning at 3 o'clock, after six days of intense suffering. Mr. Stainback had been for years a leading spirit in Weldon's progress. He was born in Brunswick county, Va., October 7, 1841, and served with conspicuous bravery through the four years of conflict between the States.

He entered the army with the first company leaving Brunswick county. Company B, commanded by Captain Joseph Jarvis. He came to Weldon in 1881, and in 1887 was licensed a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

He served